

As the Nation mourns the deaths of thousands of our fellow citizens, as we take stock of the destruction caused by last week's terrorist attacks, we should also pause for a moment to reflect on the brave men and women in New York City who put their lives on the line to protect fellow citizens.

In every small town and suburb and big city across America, there are people just like the over 300 first responders who gave their lives in New York. In Michigan, we too have experienced the loss of emergency personnel. Last year alone, four Michigan firefighters lost their lives. Each of these deaths is a tragedy for family, friends, and community.

What happened at the World Trade Center in New York will live in our memories forever. We can be proud that at a time of great peril, the Nation's first responders answered the call, conducting themselves with a selflessness and dedication that does credit to themselves, their city, and their country.

Many thousands of people would not be alive today if it were not for the heroic efforts of these men and women. In one of the country's darkest hours, they kept faith with their colleagues, with those in need, and with their country.

Our Nation's founders were deeply committed to the idea that the individual had an obligation to serve the community. The Nation's first responders live this ideal every day. They lived it again on September 11, and because they did, they gave their lives.

While we have cause to mourn these deaths, we should also celebrate the values their lives exhibited, values that represent the very best of America.

We have suffered a grievous loss. But the wonderful thing about America is that we will bounce back. For every firefighter who fell on September 11, someone else will take his place. For every emergency responder who paid with his life, another will emerge. For every police and port authority officer who fell in the line of duty, another citizen will answer the call. That is the American way.

On September 11, the Nation's firefighters showed the world what courage means. If we expect the fire services—many of whom depend on volunteers—to deal with terrorist attacks, we have a responsibility to provide them with the help they need so that they can continue to protect lives and property.

Madam Speaker, as a member of the conference on the defense authorization bill, I will be pushing for a large increase in the authorized funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program to \$1 billion for each fiscal years 2002, 2003, and 2004.

Our thoughts and our prayers are with the families of the fallen heroes to whom we owe so much. God bless those who have died, God bless their families, and God bless America.

Mr. WALSH. Madam Speaker, I also rise in support of this resolution sponsored by Congressmen ENGEL and WATTS, that expresses our profound sorrow for the senseless loss of life and injuries suffered by our heroic first responders as a result of the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Pennsylvania tragedies on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. My prayers, thoughts and deepest sympathies are with their families and loved ones at this definitive moment in American history.

Tocqueville once said of Americans, "They show with complacency how an enlightened

regard for themselves constantly prompts them to assist one another and inclines their willingness to sacrifice a portion of their time and property to the welfare of the state." These words describe the 300 firefighters and 70 police officers that have died in this senseless tragedy. Their names are forever inscribed on the portals of fame. America now truly understands how much we as a nation owe these heroic people, both those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who continue to serve with honor day in and day out. God help us always to have these men and women who believe in what they are doing and who will fight to the very end for what they believe.

This resolution also speaks to the unity of public safety officers. There is an old saying in the fire service that goes, "Firemen are a brotherhood. They do not care what department a man belongs, if he is a fireman enrolled for the same purpose, fighting under the same banner, they are ready to extend the hand of fellowship." This is true literally and figuratively. Literally, there are many families who serve together as firefighters and police officers or both in New York City. Currently, they are working to help recover their figurative brothers and sisters. This figurative bond was also evident with the outpouring of help that came into the New York City, and Virginia from around the country and the world. So much help, that some of it had to be turned away. The literal and figurative unity is stronger than ever as a result of the attacks on our country.

When I visited the Pentagon and "Ground Zero" with President Bush in New York, I saw first hand the destruction and the tireless rescue efforts underway. I thought to myself, "why do these people, the firefighters and police officers, do what they do?" I soon recalled a book I had read in the 1970's by Dennis Smith, a retired New York City fireman and founder of Firehouse Magazine who also assisted in the rescue efforts. In his classic book "Report from Engine Co. 82", an account of his life on a South Bronx fireman, Smith said after recovering a victim who had perished in a fire, "I don't say anything further, nor does Billy, as I look up to his eyes. They are almost fully closed, but I can see they are wet and teary. The corneas are red from heat and smoke, and light reflects from the watered surface, and they sparkle. I wish my wife, my mother, and everyone who has ever asked me why I do what I do, could see the humanity, the sympathy, the sadness of these eyes, because this is the reason I continue to be a firefighter." America saw this same scene played out time and time again on September 11th and the following days. As a result, we as a nation can start to understand why they continuously sacrifice their lives and pay them a long overdue thank you.

We thank them, we praise them, and we will never forget them. God bless these heroes, their families and God bless America.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 233.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of

those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Con. Res. 233.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

□ 1800

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GILCHREST) at 6 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 243, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2559, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2910, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 233, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER MEDAL OF VALOR IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 243.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr.

SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 243, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 0, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 408]

YEAS—409

Abercrombie	DeLauro	Istook
Ackerman	DeMint	Jackson (IL)
Aderholt	Deutsch	Jackson-Lee
Akin	Diaz-Balart	(TX)
Allen	Dicks	Jefferson
Andrews	Dingell	Jenkins
Armey	Doggett	John
Baca	Doolittle	Johnson (CT)
Bachus	Doyle	Johnson (IL)
Baird	Dreier	Johnson, E. B.
Baker	Duncan	Johnson, Sam
Baldacci	Edwards	Jones (NC)
Baldwin	Ehlers	Jones (OH)
Ballenger	Ehrlich	Kanjorski
Barcia	Emerson	Kaptur
Barr	Engel	Kelly
Barrett	English	Kennedy (MN)
Bartlett	Eshoo	Kennedy (RI)
Barton	Etheridge	Kerns
Bass	Evans	Kildee
Becerra	Everett	Kilpatrick
Bentsen	Farr	Kind (WI)
Bereuter	Fattah	King (NY)
Berkley	Ferguson	Kingston
Berman	Filner	Kirk
Berry	Flake	Kleczka
Biggert	Fletcher	Knollenberg
Billrakis	Foley	Kolbe
Bishop	Forbes	Kucinich
Blagojevich	Ford	LaFalce
Blumenauer	Fossella	LaHood
Blunt	Frank	Lampson
Boehlert	Frelinghuysen	Langevin
Boehner	Frost	Lantos
Bonilla	Galleghy	Largent
Bonior	Ganske	Larsen (WA)
Bono	Gekas	Larsen (CT)
Borski	Gephardt	Latham
Boswell	Gibbons	LaTourette
Boyd	Gilchrest	Leach
Brady (PA)	Gillmor	Lee
Brown (FL)	Gilman	Levin
Brown (OH)	Gonzalez	Lewis (CA)
Brown (SC)	Goode	Lewis (GA)
Bryant	Goodlatte	Lewis (KY)
Burr	Gordon	Linder
Burton	Goss	Lipinski
Buyer	Graham	LoBiondo
Callahan	Graves	Lofgren
Calvert	Green (TX)	Lowe
Camp	Green (WI)	Lucas (KY)
Cannon	Grucci	Lucas (OK)
Cantor	Gutierrez	Luther
Capito	Gutknecht	Lynch
Capps	Hall (OH)	Maloney (CT)
Capuano	Hall (TX)	Maloney (NY)
Cardin	Hansen	Manzullo
Carson (IN)	Harman	Markey
Castle	Hart	Mascara
Chabot	Hastings (FL)	Matheson
Chambliss	Hastings (WA)	Matsui
Clay	Hayes	McCarthy (MO)
Clayton	Hayworth	McCarthy (NY)
Clement	Hefley	McCollum
Clyburn	Herger	McDermott
Coble	Hill	McGovern
Collins	Hilleary	McInnis
Combest	Hilliard	McIntyre
Condit	Hinchey	McKeon
Costello	Hinojosa	McKinney
Cox	Hobson	McNulty
Coyne	Hoeffel	Meehan
Cramer	Hoekstra	Meek (FL)
Crane	Holden	Meeks (NY)
Crenshaw	Holt	Mica
Crowley	Honda	Millender-
Culberson	Horn	McDonald
Cummings	Hostettler	Miller, Dan
Cunningham	Houghton	Miller, Gary
Davis (CA)	Hoyer	Miller, George
Davis (FL)	Hulshof	Miller, Jeff
Davis (IL)	Hunter	Mink
Davis, Jo Ann	Hyde	Mollohan
Davis, Tom	Inslee	Moore
Deal	Isakson	Moran (KS)
DeFazio	Israel	Moran (VA)
Delahunt	Issa	Morella

Myrick	Rohrabacher	Sununu
Nadler	Ros-Lehtinen	Sweeney
Napolitano	Ross	Tancred
Neal	Rothman	Tanner
Nethercutt	Roukema	Tauscher
Ney	Roybal-Allard	Tauzin
Norwood	Royce	Taylor (MS)
Nussle	Rush	Taylor (NC)
Oberstar	Ryan (WI)	Terry
Obey	Ryun (KS)	Thomas
Oliver	Sabo	Thompson (CA)
Ortiz	Sanchez	Thornberry
Osborne	Sanders	Thune
Ose	Sandlin	Thurman
Otter	Sawyer	Tiahrt
Owens	Saxton	Tiberi
Oxley	Schaffer	Tierney
Pallone	Schakowsky	Toomey
Pascarell	Schiff	Towns
Pastor	Schrock	Trafigant
Paul	Scott	Turner
Payne	Sensenbrenner	Udall (CO)
Pelosi	Serrano	Udall (NM)
Pence	Sessions	Upton
Peterson (MN)	Shadegg	Velazquez
Peterson (PA)	Shaw	Visclosky
Petri	Shays	Vitter
Phelps	Sherman	Walden
Pickering	Sherwood	Walsh
Pitts	Shimkus	Wamp
Platts	Shuster	Waters
Pombo	Simmons	Watkins (OK)
Pomeroy	Simpson	Watson (CA)
Portman	Skeen	Watt (NC)
Price (NC)	Skelton	Watts (OK)
Pryce (OH)	Slaughter	Waxman
Putnam	Smith (MI)	Weiner
Quinn	Smith (NJ)	Weldon (FL)
Radanovich	Smith (TX)	Weldon (PA)
Rahall	Smith (WA)	Weller
Ramstad	Snyder	Wexler
Regul	Solis	Whitfield
Rangel	Souder	Wicker
Rehberg	Spratt	Wilson
Reyes	Stark	Wolf
Reynolds	Stearns	Woolsey
Rivers	Stenholm	Wu
Rodriguez	Strickland	Wynn
Roemer	Stump	Young (AK)
Rogers (MI)	Stupak	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—23

Boucher	Dooley	Menendez
Brady (TX)	Dunn	Murtha
Carson (OK)	Granger	Northup
Conyers	Greenwood	Riley
Cooksey	Hooley	Rogers (KY)
Cubin	Keller	Shows
DeGette	McCrery	Thompson (MS)
DeLay	McHugh	

□ 1824

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 408 I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILCHREST). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

FEDERAL LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE AMENDMENTS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of sus-

pending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2559.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2559, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 406, nays 1, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 409]

YEAS—406

Abercrombie	Davis (FL)	Holden
Ackerman	Davis (IL)	Holt
Aderholt	Davis, Jo Ann	Honda
Akin	Davis, Tom	Horn
Allen	Deal	Hostettler
Andrews	DeFazio	Houghton
Armey	Delahunt	Hoyer
Baca	DeLauro	Hulshof
Bachus	DeMint	Hunter
Baird	Deutsch	Hyde
Baker	Diaz-Balart	Inslee
Baldacci	Dicks	Isakson
Baldwin	Dingell	Israel
Ballenger	Doggett	Issa
Barcia	Doolittle	Istook
Barr	Doyle	Jackson (IL)
Barrett	Dreier	Jackson-Lee
Bartlett	Duncan	(TX)
Barton	Edwards	Jefferson
Bass	Ehlers	Jenkins
Becerra	Ehrlich	John
Bentsen	Emerson	Johnson (CT)
Bereuter	Engel	Johnson (IL)
Berkley	English	Johnson, E. B.
Berman	Eshoo	Johnson, Sam
Berry	Etheridge	Jones (NC)
Biggert	Evans	Jones (OH)
Billrakis	Everett	Kanjorski
Bishop	Farr	Kaptur
Blagojevich	Fattah	Kelly
Blumenauer	Ferguson	Kennedy (MN)
Blunt	Filner	Kennedy (RI)
Boehlert	Flake	Kerns
Boehner	Fletcher	Kildee
Bonilla	Foley	Kilpatrick
Bonior	Forbes	Kind (WI)
Bono	Ford	King (NY)
Borski	Fossella	Kingston
Boswell	Frank	Kirk
Boyd	Frost	Kleczka
Brady (PA)	Galleghy	Knollenberg
Brown (FL)	Ganske	Kolbe
Brown (OH)	Gekas	Kucinich
Brown (SC)	Gephardt	LaFalce
Bryant	Gibbons	LaHood
Burr	Gilchrest	Lampson
Burton	Gillmor	Langevin
Buyer	Gilman	Lantos
Callahan	Gonzalez	Largent
Calvert	Goode	Larsen (WA)
Camp	Goodlatte	Larsen (CT)
Cannon	Gordon	Latham
Capito	Goss	LaTourette
Capps	Graham	Leach
Capuano	Graves	Lee
Cardin	Green (TX)	Levin
Carson (IN)	Green (WI)	Lewis (CA)
Castle	Grucci	Lewis (GA)
Chabot	Gutierrez	Lewis (KY)
Chambliss	Gutknecht	Linder
Clay	Hall (OH)	Lipinski
Clayton	Hall (TX)	LoBiondo
Clement	Hansen	Lofgren
Clyburn	Harman	Lowe
Coble	Hart	Lucas (KY)
Collins	Hastings (FL)	Lucas (OK)
Combest	Hastings (WA)	Luther
Condit	Hayes	Lynch
Costello	Hayworth	Maloney (CT)
Cox	Hefley	Maloney (NY)
Coyne	Herger	Manzullo
Cramer	Hill	Markey
Crane	Hilleary	Mascara
Crenshaw	Hilliard	Matheson
Crowley	Hinchey	Matsui
Culberson	Hinojosa	McCarthy (MO)
Cummings	Hobson	McCarthy (NY)
Cunningham	Hoefel	McCollum
Davis (CA)	Hoekstra	McDermott